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Date: February 2, 2005

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

To:

Mayor David Dermer and

Members of the City Commission

From:

Jorge M. Gonzalez

City Manager

Subject:

REPORT OF THE JANUARY 10, 2005 - LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Land Use and Development Committee was held on Monday, January 10, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Luis R. Garcia, Jr., Saul Gross, Matti Herrera Bower, Jose Smith and Richard Steinberg.

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ZONING OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS IN THE RS-4 DISTRICT. Referred at the July 28, 2004 City Commission Meeting. Discussed at the September 13, 2004 Land Use Committee Meeting.

The Committee requested that further study be done in connection with this issue. They also requested that the administration contact the attorney for the interested party and resolve several issues related to parking. This matter will be placed in a future Committee agenda.

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING UPDATING ADA CODE TO INCLUDE INNOVATIVE FORMS OF VEHICLES. Referred at the October 13, 2004 City Commission meeting.

The Committee heard from Public Works Department Director Fred Beckmann, Building Department Director Phillip Azan, and Barrier-Free Environment Committee member/resident Michael Brennan on this issue. Information presented established that the City of Miami Beach has no authority to change the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and its attendant regulations, which are federal law. In addition, the Florida Building Code preempts the establishment of handicapped accessibility standards to the states and supercedes any county or municipal ordinance on the subject. After discussing the issue, the Committee determined that this issue would be more appropriately addressed by the Florida State Legislature.

3. DISCUSSION REGARDING EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT RESOLUTION (EAR) FIRST DRAFT SUBMITTAL.

The Committee reviewed the draft EAR and made several changes and comments that were incorporated into the document prior to full City Commission action.

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